

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please **AMEND** the specification as shown in the following marked up paragraphs, which shows changes made relative to the immediate prior versions.

Please **AMEND** the specification by inserting the following paragraph, on page 1, between lines 2 and 3:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/764,294, which is now incorporated herein by reference.

Please **AMEND** the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 13, as follows:

Figure 5 shows a top view of an embodiment of the recirculating tank 10. In this embodiment, the tank 10 includes troughs 10a integrally formed in the bottom and sides of the tank 10. The troughs 10a replace the piping 12 and 14 of the embodiment shown in Figures 2-4. The tank 10 may be either precast concrete or a synthetic material such as plastic, PVC or other suitable material. An inlet pipe 10b may extend from the interior to an exterior of the tank 10. A sheet 18 of plastic, PVC or other suitable material may be placed on either the bottom or the sides of the tank 10. If the sheet 18 is placed on the bottom of the tank 10, perforations are preferably placed within the sheet so that effluent can flow from the mattress filter to the integral troughs (channels) 10a.

Please **AMEND** the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 7, as follows:

A further object of the present invention is to prevent compaction of aggregate material within a recirculation and sand filter tank.